

RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Department of Natural Resources
Room 314
September 10, 2002

Minutes

Member Present:

HARTY, Kimm - UGS
SCHLOTTHAUER, Bill - Water Rights
KAPPE, Karl – DFFSL
DANIELS, Ronald – DOGM
AUSTIN, Lloyd - DWRe
WILCOX, Richard - SITLA
PAYNE, Val – DNR
SOWARDS, Glade - DNR
AXEL, Anne - DWR
PITKIN, Jay – DEQ – Water Quality
MORTENSEN, Duane – DEQ – DERR
GEORGESON, Michael – DEQ – Drinking Water
JUSINO, Cesar – NRCS

Others Present:

WRIGHT, Carolyn - GOPB/DNR
LANDURETH, Brenda - DNR/ADMIN

I. Approval of Minutes

Bill Schlotthauer called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 a.m. Jay Pitkin made a motion to approve the August 20, 2002 minutes as corrected by Kimm Harty (Page 4, first paragraph, fourth line “Glade Sowards will continue to work”), Val Payne (Page 1, first paragraph, second sentence “June 11, 2002 minutes,” page 2, third paragraph, last sentence change “economics” to “economies,” fourth paragraph, first sentence change “current” to “currently”, fifth paragraph delete “a”, page 3, second paragraph delete “and NFS”, fourth paragraph delete “the BLM conference room which is located at” and change “Howe” to “Howell”, second paragraph, first sentence change “Forest” to “Park” and fifth paragraph delete parentheses) and Jay Pitkin (insert the acronym “USFS” for “NFS”). Lloyd Austin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Report from Agencies on Any Anticipated Projects

Bill Schlotthauer announced that the River Basin Coordinating Committee meeting will be held September 18, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., in room 314. Don Jensen will present information on dam safety and design, Brad Shafer will provide an update on drought management legislation and Randy Julander will provide an update on SNOTEL.

The Washington County Water Conservancy District is working on the next level of engineering for the Lake Powell Pipeline. This will be a major contract with Ron Thompson.

Val Payne will continue to provide updates on U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) planning efforts including Wild and Scenic Rivers

designation. Val is working to ensure better coordination within the department regarding conservation easements.

Ron Daniels announced that the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM) is sponsoring a national mining reclamation conference (NAAML P) September 15 –18, *Reclamation 2002: Partnerships and Project Implementation*, in Park City, Utah. This conference will provide an interdisciplinary approach and the information would support anyone involved in mining reclamation planning cooperative projects. Dave Lauriski will be the keynote speaker. Contact Mark Mesch at 538-5349 for additional information.

DOGM is involved in the Cottonwood Wash Project in San Juan County to reduce hazards associated with gilsonite mines. BLM and the USFS are both involved in these clean up efforts. Abandoned mine funds will be used to plug abandoned oil and gas wells this year. DOGM will also review inspection and enforcement rules by the end of 2002.

The San Rafael exchange is currently under consideration in Washington, D.C.

Karl Kappe announced that the Records of Decision on Great Salt Lake brine shrimp harbor sites were released. The review period closed without receiving any appeals.

Kennecott Utah Copper and Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District is proposing to drill wells along the banks of the Jordan River to provide additional drinking water. Water quality concerns include drinking water and treated sewage water reuse.

The Division of Water Rights is preparing for a groundwater priority review by the State Engineer, Phillip (Skip) Nelson, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Commissioner Peterson, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food. Public meetings will be conducted in November 2002. A presentation will be made to Dianne Nielson and the Department of Natural Resources Leadership Team.

Karl Kappe, Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands requested an expedited review to dredge the bed of Great Salt Lake at the MagCorp Dike, project number #2135. The work will involve re-dredging an old brine intake canal to be used by the brine shrimpers to get to deep water from the harbor leases. This will not have a significant impact on the environment. Kimm Harty made a motion to approve the expedited review. Val Payne seconded the motion. The committee unanimously approved Karl's request. Please send any comments to Karl Kappe and Carolyn Wright today, September 10, 2002 by 5:00 p.m.

Announcements

This is Lloyd Austin's last RDCC meeting. Lloyd's retirement party will be held on September 27, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., in the DNR Auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend.

Bill Schlotthauer has been promoted and his responsibilities may change. He will retain his RDCC assignment until at least the end of this year.

III. Adjournment

The next meeting will be held on October 8, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., in room 314. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.